

# LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

## Presentation of a Valuable Sword.

Lieut. Wm. M. Ferry, Jr., the excellent and efficient Quartermaster of the Fourteenth Regiment, was lately made the recipient of a beautiful sword from several of his friends and fellow-citizens of Grand Haven. The sword is a very beautiful and valuable one, and was a worthy gift to a worthy man. It was presented by a letter from his friends asking him to accept it as the best evidence they could evince of their interest in him and the cause in which he is identified. To the letter Lieut. Ferry responded as follows:

CAMP MIZNER, YPSILANTI, March 1, 1862.

Messrs. Timo. Eastman and others:

MY DEAR FRIENDS—I thank you for your kind remembrance of me, and for the manner in which you have given it expression. It is a precious thought that suggested the *engraving of your names* on this beautiful sword. Your example, counsels and words of encouragement have been with me from my boyhood, and now have by my side, wherever I go, your sanction and cheer in this, to me, untried pathway. Duty at home, and duty in camp, alike demand obedience to authority. I know what faith and reverence you all have in and for the "government our fathers made," and whether at home to guard the temple, or to meet the assailant in the field, every man now is expected to do his whole duty. I hope I shall be enabled to do mine. I go, strengthened by you, with "line upon line and precept upon precept," and this last cheering evidence of your interest in me is a voice in my heart always earnestly telling of home, and what we all must fight for.

Respectfully,

WM. M. FERRY, JR.

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